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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
PATEL ET AL.

Art Unit: 1615
Examiner: Oh, Simon J.

APPLICATION NO: 10/743,366
FILED: DECEMBER 22, 2003
FOR: MODAFINIL COMPOSITIONS

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

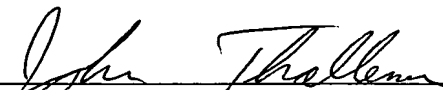
Sir:

The Office Action of March 21, 2005 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 21, 2005. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$450 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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